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1. the Chinese Communists have given attention to air installations at 108 different places, 10 of which were projects rather than actual construction; but it seems likely that considerable work may have been done as well. It is remarkable that so much development has been undertaken, especially in view of the numerous satisfactory fields already in existence

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2. Assuming that the average operational capacity of these 108 fields is 50 aircraft, these reportedly developed fields would alone accommodate a total of 5,400 aircraft. This figure is so far in excess of the strength of the Chinese Communist Air Force (CCAF) that the policy behind this construction program is to provide each important area with sufficient accommodations for all or most of the CCAF at any given time.

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3. these areas are being equipped in such a manner that the CCAF will be able to rapidly shift its strength from one part of China to another as the situation demands. this is one of the principles of Soviet Air Force policy.

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